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Patentee : Vega *et al.*
Serial No. : 10/022,249
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Art Unit : 1631
Examiner : Jerry Lin
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Patent No. : 7,647,184

Issued : January 12, 2010

Title : **HIGH THROUGHPUT DIRECTED EVOLUTION BY RATIONAL
MUTAGENESIS**

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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(D)

Dear Sir:

Patentee hereby files this Application for Patent Term Adjustment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(d), respectfully requesting reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) accorded U.S. Patent No. 7,647,184 (the "184 Patent"). The *Determination of Patent Term Adjustment* under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) included with the *Issue Notification* states that the Total Patent Term Adjustment at issuance is "0" days. Patentee hereby provides a statement of the facts involved, specifying the correct PTA, and the basis under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702 for the adjustment, the relevant dates for which the adjustment is sought, and the adjustment to which the patent is entitled.

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STATEMENT OF THE FACTS and REVIEW OF FILE HISTORY

As reflected in the file history, in good faith and candor, Patentee filed a *Letter Regarding Patent Term Adjustment at Allowance Pursuant to Comment 43 of the Final Rule* on September 24, 2009, which was granted November 18, 2009, thereby adjusting and increasing the APPL Delay by 100 days.

After Allowance, the Patent Office determined that a 10 day APPL delay should be made based on receipt of an *Information Disclosure Statement* on October 19, 2009, which was included in the filing of the issue fee payment. **Patentee does not agree with this adjustment.**

The subject *Information Disclosure Statement* entry was actually for copies of *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements* that were previously filed before Allowance on February 07, 2008, July 10, 2008, and April 16, 2009, respectively, and referenced in the *Comments on Reasons for Allowance* filed with the *Issue Fee Transmittal* on October 19, 2009. As noted in the *Comments on Reasons for Allowance*, these *Supplemental IDS's* were mis-coded by the Patent Office, and not properly directed by the Office to Examiner Lin. Diligent exchanges with the Office to have the statements considered ultimately resulted in the submission of copies at that time for the convenience of the Examiner. (See Exhibit A.) Thus, there was no Applicant delay in submitting the *Information Disclosure Statement*.

Further, upon issuance of this '184 patent, the Patent Term Adjustment History and calculations were updated to include an entry on December 23, 2009 that recites "PTA 36 Months" with a zero total for USPTO Delay Days. **Patentee does not agree with this adjustment.**

In view of the *Wyeth v. Kappos* decision, Patentee respectfully submits that this calculation is incorrect and USPTO Delay days appear understated. This request is included in this application as the new PTO/SB/131 form "*REQUEST FOR RECALCULATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT IN VIEW OF WYETH*" states use is for pre-Wyeth interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A) only, and thus would not address the above stated APPL Delay calculation error.

Wyeth holds that a Patentee is entitled to all days beyond the prescribed limits for various actions and activities, as long as the days don't overlap. 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(1)(B) establishes that a patent's term is to be extended for each day that the application is pending beyond three years from the filing date. The three-year clock stops if certain events occur, such as the filing of a *Request for Continued Examination* (RCE). **The PTA 36 month deadline for**

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this application was December 17, 2004. A *Request for Continued Examination* was later filed September 01, 2005.

REMARKS

In summary and in consideration of the foregoing, Patentee respectfully requests correct of the calculation of the Total PTA, under provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.705 and 35 U.S.C. §154 in view of *Wyeth*, to include the increase of **258 PTO Delay days** accumulated between the 36 month date of December 17, 2004, and the filing of the first *Request for Continued Examination (RCE)* on September 01, 2005, for a **total of 684 PTO Delay days** ($426 + 258 = 684$) minus the adjusted APPL Delay reduced from 460 to 450 days, for a **Total PTA of 234 days** instead of the "0" days currently accorded this patent. PTO Delay 684 minus APPL Delay 450 = 234.

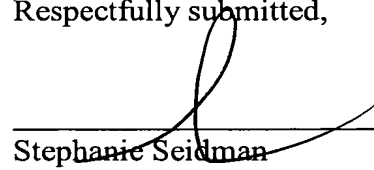
The '184 Patent is not subject to a Terminal Disclaimer, and there were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application on the part of the Patentee.

In consideration of the nature of the error by the Office, Patentee respectfully requests the petition fee of \$200 required by 1.118(e) be waived.

If the \$200 fee is still required, please apply it and any other charges or credits in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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Exhibit A

Date Stamped postcard of October 19, 2009 listing **copies** of subject *Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements*

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Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

A copy of a Communication from the European Patent Office (Document I), issued April 14, 2008, in connection with corresponding European Patent Application No. 02798018.4 regarding the intention to grant an European patent is provided. A copy of an Office Action,

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Copy of Information Disclosure Statement, filed April 16, 2009 ****
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(Document II), issued September 16, 2008, in connection with co-owned U.S. Application Ser. No. 10/658,355 is provided. A Copy of an Office Action, (Document III), issued December 24, 2008, in connection with co-owned U.S. Application Ser. No. 11/707,014 is provided. The table below lists Documents I-III and includes a column that provides a space next to the documents to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

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In the Office Actions, dated May 13, 2008 and October 16, 2008, the Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) submitted on February 7, 2008 and July 10, 2008, were considered and initialed by the Examiner. The IDS filed on February 7, 2008 contained a Table listing Office Actions and European Examination Reports cited in related and corresponding U.S. and foreign Patent Applications. The IDS filed on July 10, 2008 contained a Table listing an International Search Report cited in a related foreign Patent Application. These tables were not initialed by the Examiner. These IDSs included the application number of the application in which the IDS was being submitted, a column that provides a blank space next to each citation for the Examiner's initials, a heading on the listing that clearly indicates the list is an Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of listed documents. Therefore, the February 7, 2008 and July 10, 2008 IDSs are in compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner consider and initial all information listed in the tables submitted in the IDSs filed February 7, 2008 and July 10, 2008.

Further to the list provided in the communication filed on July 10, 2008, applicant also makes known to the examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications that have one or more common inventors and/or are common ownership:

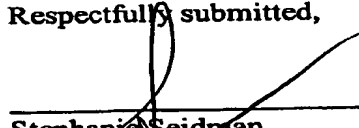
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Although these documents and applications are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the information, singly or in any combination thereof, is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (g and h), the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 (b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment 2: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement,
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Copy of Information Disclosure Statement, filed July 10, 2008 ****
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A Copy of an International Search Report, (Document I), issued June 13, 2008, in connection with co-owned International Application No. PCT/US2007/014219 is provided. The table below lists Documents I and includes a column that provides a space next to the documents to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

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	I	Copy of International Search Report, issued June 13, 2008, in connection with co-owned International Application No. PCT/US2007/014219

In the International Search Report, (Document I), issued June 13, 2008, the following document is cited: Chang et al., "Identification of functionally important residues of the epidermal growth factor-2 domain of factor IX by alanine-scanning mutagenesis. Residues Asn(89)-Gly(93) are critical for binding factor VIIla." *J Biol Chem* 277:25393-25399 (2002). Document 1 is made of record in the instant application in this Information Disclosure Statement, supplied with Forms PTO-1449 and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents.

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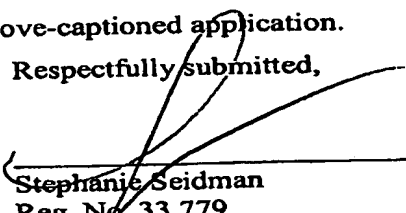
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	V	Copy of European Examination Report, issued August 2, 2005, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03748392.2
	VI	Copy of European Examination Report, issued June 2, 2006, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03748392.2

In the U.S. Office Action, issued May 9, 2006 (Document II), three documents are cited: 1) US 5,096,815, 2) Alam et al., "Expression and purification of a mutant human growth hormone that is resistant to proteolytic cleavage by thrombin, plasmin and human plasma in vitro," *J. Biochem.* 65:183-190 (1998), and 3) Chiang et al., "In vivo genetic analysis of bacterial virulence," *Ann. Rev. Microbiology* 53:129-154 (1999). Documents 1-3 are made of record in

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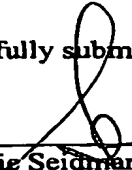
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